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SUBJECT:SOUTH AFRICA AND THE UN

1. SECRETARY HAS DECIDED THAT IF, DESPITE OUR EXPRESSED OPPOSITION AND EXPECTED RULING FAVORABLE TO OUR POSITION BY GA PRESIDENT THORN, THE MAJORITY IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTES TO PREVENT SOUTH AFRICA FROM PARTICIPATING IN ASSEMBLY ACTIVITIES, USDEL SHOULD TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:(A) US SHOULD MAKE STRONG STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION TO SUCH MOVE AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL MAKING CLEAR THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD SA AND ITS POLICIES; (B) USDEL SHOULD WALK OUT OF PLENARY; AND (C) DEL SHOULD RENEW PARTICIPATION AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GA BUT AT THE "ADVISOR" LEVEL RATHER THAN AT THE "DELEGATE" LEVEL. (THE DEPT WOULD MAKE JUDGMENT ON WHEN TO RESUME PLENARY PARTICIPATION AT THE "DELEGATE" LEVEL, IN THE LIGHT OF EXISTING POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND OF THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE US ATTACHES TO THE ISSUES BEING DISCUSSED IN PLENARY AT THAT TIME).

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2. FOREGOING IS FOR DEL'S GUIDANCE ONLY, SINCE IT NOW AP-
PEARS SOUTH AFRICAN DEL IS UNLIKELY TO PARTICIPATE IN 30TH
GA. USDEL SHOULD, THEREFORE, NOT RPT NOT DISCLOSE THIS
POSITION TO OTHER DELEGATIONS.

3. SHOULD SOUTH AFRICA SUBSEQUENTLY DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE,
DEPT WILL WANT TO REVIEW THE QUESTION OF WHO TO INFORM
ABOUT THIS DECISION. KISSINGER

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